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MEMORANDUM FOR: Comptroller, Deputy Director for Science
And Technology

SUBJECT: O/PPB Questions on OSA Combined Program

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REFERENCE: [] Received OSA 30 April 1971

Reference transmitted questions pertaining to the relationship between the OSA and OSP support functions; one question for OSP and four questions, on page four, for OSA. It is our understanding that the questions pertaining to the relationship between OSA and OSP will be answered in an oral briefing for O/PPB to be held 12 May 1971 but that written responses are desired on the four questions pertaining exclusively to OSA. Accordingly, the responses to these four questions are attached hereto for your transmittal to O/PPB.

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Question Number 1:

In view of your reduction of one aircraft, the tight personnel situation throughout the Agency, and the priority need for new positions in the DD/S&T, can further position economies be made in the IDEALIST program? Please discuss the impact of a [REDACTED] reduction in this program.

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Response:

It will be recalled that the question of personnel and dollar savings which would be permitted by a reduction from 6 to 5 aircraft was discussed at length during the OMB Hearing on IDEALIST FY 1972 held 29 October 1970. As stated at that time, the number of staff personnel required for IDEALIST relates almost entirely to numbers of installations, to mission and to operational requirements rather than to specific numbers of aircraft flown. A decrease in numbers of aircraft flown normally permits only reductions in pilots and in contractor personnel. The loss of one aircraft last autumn did permit us to eliminate one crew of contractor personnel, a total of [REDACTED] persons. However, as long as Det. "H" remains operational and retains the same operational requirements we will still need the same number of staff personnel for command, support and operations.

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It is also to be noted that OSA has absorbed reductions in personnel available to the IDEALIST program out of all proportion to the reduction in operational requirements. For example, our total OSA ceiling in FY 1970 was [REDACTED]. We requested [REDACTED] in FY 1971 but instead were given an allowance of only [REDACTED] positions, a decrease of [REDACTED]. Thus, we were required both to absorb the new [REDACTED] positions (currently [REDACTED] are programmed) and to reduce still other activities. In February 1971 we were given a new ceiling for FY 1972 of [REDACTED]. The additional reduction of [REDACTED] had no direct relationship to OSA requirements but was necessitated by overall CIA and DDS&T ceiling reductions. It may also be recalled that IDEALIST was previously reduced in

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FY 1970 to permit absorption of the C-130 crew and the addition of

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25X1 primarily for the support of others, yet during this time there has been no meaningful change in our mission or in our operational requirements. Additional reductions cannot be taken unless our operational mission is to be changed or we are to be relieved of our present responsibilities for the support of others.

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Question Number 3:

What is the current status of the [Redacted] system?
What is the range of the system? Is overflight necessary?
Who budgets funds for the development of this system?

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Response:

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Question Number 4:

The 40 Committee agreed on 18 August 1970 to the continuation of the IDEALIST program for one year. When do you anticipate presenting the program to 40 Committee for the further extension of the program?

Response:

Continuation of the IDEALIST program "at least through FY 1972" was agreed to by the 40 Committee at its meeting of 18 August 1970. Cognizance was taken of this decision in the ExCom meeting of 20 November 1970, and in a resulting memorandum dated 24 November 1970 the Comptroller, NRO stated that U-2 Options for FY 1973 through FY 1977 were to be developed for the July 1971 ExCom meeting. In consonance with more detailed guidance received in February 1971, these options have been developed and submitted.

It is assumed at this time that the IDEALIST program for FY 1973 will be submitted to the 40 Committee prior to the referenced July 1971 ExCom meeting. This timing will permit recognition of the decisions of the two Committees to be included in the OSA/CIA budget to be submitted in September, for OMB review in October, and in the OSA/NRO budget to be submitted in October, for ExCom review at the meeting normally held in November.

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